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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR UNHCR REQUESTS TO ISLAMIC STATES  
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORT.

1. ENTIRE TEXT - CONFIDENTIAL.
2. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

3. AS A RESULT OF THE STRONG POSITION TAKEN BY THE  
STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED ISLAMIC  
CONFERENCE IN ISLAMABAD IN SUPPORT OF RELIEF AND ASSIS-  
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TANCE TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN, WE HAVE REQUESTED  
OUR MISSION IN GENEVA TO URGE THE UNHCR TO TAKE SPECIAL  
EFFORTS TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS APPEAL FOR SUCH  
AN AFGHAN RELIEF PROGRAM FROM THOSE STATES. US MISSION  
GENEVA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REFER TO THE SPECIAL TIES  
OF RELIGION, HUMANITARIAN CONCERN, AND REGIONAL SOLIDARITY  
AS THE BASIS FOR THE ISLAMIC STATES' PARTICULAR INTEREST  
IN MAKING RAPID AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
UNHCR EFFORT.

4. IN THAT INSTRUCTION, WE ALSO ASKED GENEVA TO ADVISE  
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THE UNHCR THAT OUR EMBASSIES IN ISLAMIC STATES WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO ASSIST UNHCR RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN THEIR APPROACHES TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS IN THOSE CASES WHERE IT IS FELT SUCH SUPPORT CAN BE USEFUL.

5. IN MAKING THIS OFFER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME OF THESE STATES HAVE REFUGEE OR DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN, AND THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO MAKE ANY SIZEABLE CONTRIBUTIONS. IN SUCH CASES, EVEN A TOKEN CONTRIBUTION WOULD ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF INTERNATIONAL (AND ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY IN THE TRAGIC INSTANCE OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. YOU MAY DRAW ON THIS PARAGRAPH AND THE INFORMATION, DESCRIBING THE USG CONTRIBUTION ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT ON JANUARY 31 TO EMPHASIZE THE INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF THIS PROBLEM. (DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN JANUARY 31 WIRELESS FILES IN NEA POSTS)

6. IF YOU ARE APPROACHED BY THE RESIDENT UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN YOUR POST, YOU SHOULD RENDER SUCH DISCREET SUPPORT TO HIS EFFORTS WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT AS YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE, BEARING IN MIND THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO TAKE THE LEAD AWAY FROM THE UNHCR IN THIS MATTER. IF THERE ARE LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MITIGATE AGAINST EVEN SUCH DISCREET SUPPORT IN THIS EFFORT, YOU SHOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

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7. FOR ANKARA: THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THE SPECIAL REASONS WHY TURKEY, WHICH IS NOT AN ISLAMIC STATE, ATTENDED THE ISLAMABAD CONFERENCE AS WELL AS THE SEVERE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THAT COUNTRY. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE FOR THE EMBASSY TO SUPPORT A SPECIAL UNHCR EFFORT WITH THE GOT WHICH IS AIMED AT ISLAMIC STATES. VANCE

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